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SUBJ: CAAC BEGINS "FIRST CLASS" SERVICE

1. CAAC ON JULY 1 INAUGURATED "FIRST CLASS" DOMESTIC TRAVEL. "FIRST CLASS" SEATS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON BOEING AIRCRAFT MAKING THE PEKING-SHANGHAI AND PEKING-CANTON RUNS. PRICES ARE UP 30 PERCENT, MAKING THE ONE-WAY FARES 200 YUAN AND 317 YUAN RESPECTIVELY.
2. PREVIOUSLY ALL SEATS ON CAAC DOMESTIC CARRIERS WERE PRICED EQUALLY FOR FOREIGNERS (ALTHOUGH FOREIGNERS HAD TO PAY ABOUT DOUBLE WHAT WAS CHARGED LOCALS). CAAC TICKETING OFFICERS ROUTINELY OFFERED FOREIGNERS (AND HIGH PLA OFFICERS) "THE BIG SEATS IN FRONT" IF THESE WERE AVAILABLE.
3. CAAC IS SAYING THAT ECONOMY WILL BE SOLD TO FOREIGNERS IF AVAILABLE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FOREIGNERS, ESPECIALLY DIPLOMATS, WILL BE TOLD THAT NO SEATS ARE AVAILABLE IN "COACH" SO THAT PAYING THE EXTRA 30 PERCENT BECOMES VIRTUALLY MANDATORY. WOODCOCK

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